

HOUSE BILL NO. 369

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PAY THE FEE FOR
STUDENTS TO TAKE A NATIONAL, CURRICULUM-BASED COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION DURING
THEIR JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. District to pay for college entrance examinations -- fee waivers. (1)

A school district shall pay the fee for a student enrolled in the district to take a national, curriculum-based college entrance examination DURING A STUDENT'S JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL. The district shall pay the fee for only one examination for each student. The superintendent of public instruction shall reimburse a district for the costs incurred in paying for the examinations from an appropriation provided to the superintendent for that purpose. The superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules to implement this section.

(2) A school district shall assist students who qualify to apply for an examination fee waiver from the organization sponsoring the examination.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$600,000 from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction for the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, to reimburse school districts for the costs incurred in paying for students to take a national, curriculum-based college entrance examination.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 20, chapter 7, part 1, and the provisions of Title 20, chapter 7, part 1, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2005.

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